Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981, for regulating fishing by foreign flag vessels within the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and for matters connected therewith;

(ii) implementation of programmes for development of coastal marine fisheries by the traditional/small-scale fishermen through motorisation of traditional craft, introduction of off-shore non-trawl type of pelagic fishing craft, introduction of p'v craft, etc. by providing the requisite financial incentives in the form of subsidy;

(iv) supply of High Speed Diesel Oil with subsidy equivalent to the value of Central Excise Duty to mechanised fishing vessels below 20m. size for offsetting a part of the operational cost;

(v) implementation of welfare oriented programmes for upliftment of the socio-economic status of fisherfolk such as Group Accident Insurance Scheme for active fishermen; Development of Model Fishermen Villages including housing and saving-cum-Relief Scheme, etc.

(c) (i) Necessary guidelines have been issued to the Coast Guard for regulating the operation of foreign flag vessels under charter and joint venture programmes within the Indian EEZ and to carry out surveillance of the Indian waters preventing poaching by the foreign fishing vessels. As per the guidelines issued, the clearance of Coast Guard is necessary for permitting the operation of fishing vessels under charter/joint venture programmes.

(ii) The deep sea fishing vessels are prohibited to operate within 12 Nautical Miles on the east coast and 24 Nautical Miles on the west coast. Guidelines to this effect have been issued to all the Maritime States/Union Territories.

Fisheries in Orissa

456. SHRl SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable scope for development of marine inland and brackish water fisheries ir Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) the schemes under the considera--lion of the Central Government and at the State level pertaining to the development of fisheries;

(d) the steps taken to expedite clearance to those scheme; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR;: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Scheme are being mented during the Eighth Phi* period for development of marine inland and brackish water fisheries in Orissa:

1. Fishery Harbour Facilities $_{a}$< Major Ports.
2. Providing Fishing Harbour Facilities at Minor Ports.
3. Freshwater Aquaculture.
4. Integrated Brackish wr.te^- Fish Farms Development.
5. Development of Coastal Marin* Fisheries:
   (i) Motorisation of Twditional Craft
   (ii) Introduction of offshore p:Iagi; intermediate fishing craft.
   (iii) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD oil.

6. Welfare of Fishevmej:

(i) Group Accident Insurance (ii) Model Fishermen Villages (iii) Saving-cum-Relief.

7. Assistance for Strengthening of Inland Fish Marketing.

8. Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and Introduction of Artificial Reefs and Sea Farming Project.

9. World Bank Assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project.

(c) No new schemes are under consideration at present for the development of fisheries' in Orissa.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Groundnut production in Orissa

457. SHRT SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a vast scope for the expansion of ground-nut production in Orissa; and

(b) if so, (he steps taken by Govern ment to increase the areas under ground nut production and also to create adequate marketing facilities for the sale of groundnuts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl S. KRISHNA KUMAR): *(a)* and (b) Orissa has got a good potential for in creasing the area under groundnut spe cially during the summer season. To increase the production of oilseeds in cluding groundnut a Centrally Sponsor ed Oilseeds Production Programme 'OP?) is in operation which provides assistance for production and distribu tion of s"e'-ls distribution of sprinklers improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, gypsum pyrites. In aldtion technology is demonstrated to the far-mers through frontline and general demonstrations organised on their hold. ings.

Reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjab and Haryana

458. SHRI S. S. SURIEWALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjab and Haryana regions, during the current season on *&c*-count of Ball Worm and other diceases caused by low temperature;

(b) if so, what is the estimate ot total cotton production in the current year in comparison to the previous two years;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from the farmers of these Seates regarding lack of effectiveness of various pesticides which failed to destroy the plant diseases;

(d) if so, what are the preventive msasures taken by Government;

(e) whether Government propose to enforce ths Crop Insurance Scheme to save the farmers miseries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Sir, there are no reports of reduced production of long staple cotton in Punjao and Haryana during the current year on account of Bait Worm and other diseases. The production of cotton in Punjao and